

Livable & Sustainable Neighborhoods Initiative

Quarterly Meeting with
City-Wide Neighborhood Leaders/Stakeholders

Friday, December 14th, 2012



CITY OF HARTFORD

Pedro E. Segarra, Mayor



Stakeholder Meeting Agenda

- **WELCOME**
- **LSNI PROGRAM TO DATE**
- **ANTI-BLIGHT ENFORCEMENT & PROGRESS**
- **QUALITY OF LIFE MATTERS**



LSNI Program to Date

Thank you for your Commitment to Engage

Quarterly Stakeholder Meetings – Programmatic Updates

Friday, March 15, 2013 @ 10:00am

Mayor's Green Room | City Hall 550 Main Street

June 2013

September 2013

LSNI Quarterly District Reports – Handouts & Download on the Webpage

NRZ Meetings – As Scheduled by NRZs

Constituent Services attend regularly: Brittany Joiner and Isis Irizarry



LSNI Program to Date

Staffing

Future Job Announcements for:

- (1) Permanent ACOO for South & Central
- (2) Nuisance Inspectors

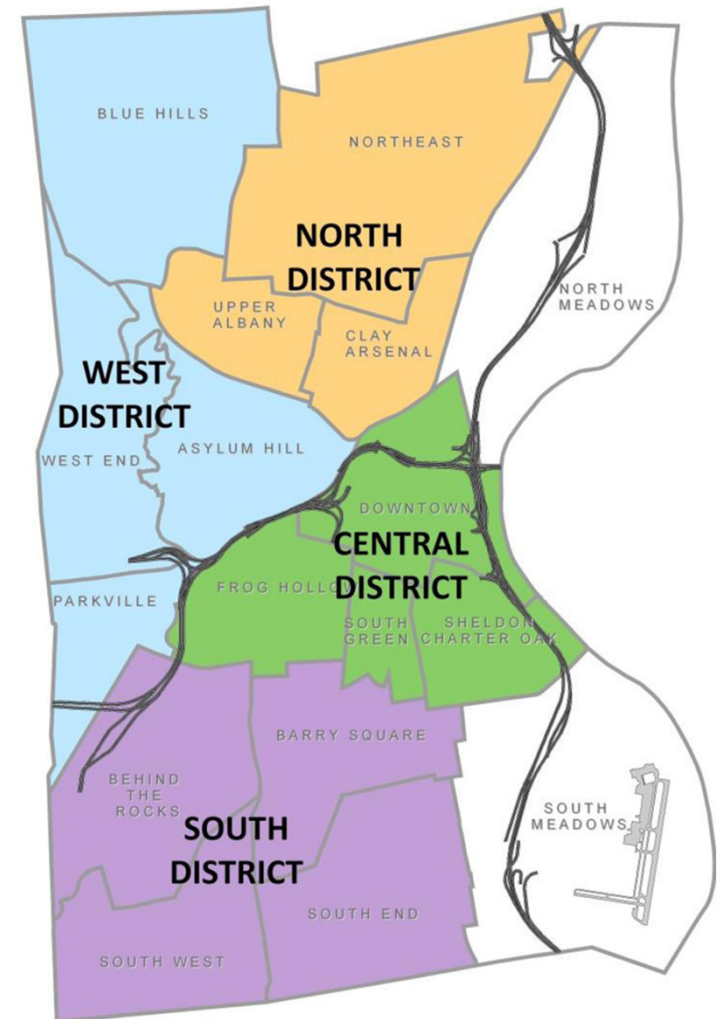
Hiring of (8) more Maintainers for the LSNI Crew

Focus On Blight Reduction

Coordination of Infrastructure & Community Development Projects

Programmatic Alignment

Performance Measurement





LSNI Program to Date

Legislative Activity and Support

- 2009: Anti-Blight Ordinance Re-Established by Council
- July 2011: Mayor Declares Blight Emergency
- July 2011: Council Appropriates Bond Funding for LSNI
- November 2011: Council amends sec. 9-94, Anti-Blight Program, to establish a special fund to deposit fines, penalties, & lien repayments, to be used for all costs related to remediating, enforcing, securing, and remediation of blight.
- February 2012: City Council adopts C.G.S. §7-148ff, authorizing the appointment of Special Assessment Study Committee
- **October 2012: City Council authorize the addition of condition #12 for extended vacancy in Sec. 9-91 of the Municipal Code**



Anti-Blight Enforcement & Progress

City Ordinance: Property Can be deemed Blighted if at least 2 of the following conditions exist:

- (1) Exterior windows or doors are broken or missing or are not secured and painted
- (2) Exterior walls, roofs, stairs, porches, floors or chimneys are damaged, collapsing or deteriorating or permit the interior of the building to be open to the weather;
- (3) Foundation walls are damaged, collapsing, crumbling or contain open cracks or breaks;
- (4) Interior walls, stairs, porches, floors, ceilings, support pillars or beams are damaged, collapsing or deteriorating;
- (5) Exterior additions, including, but not limited to, canopies, marquees, signs, awnings, fire escapes, standpipes and exhaust ducts, are damaged, collapsing or deteriorating;
- (6) Fences are broken, deteriorating to the point of decay, are in otherwise dilapidated condition, or are damaged to the extent that they allow access to the property;
- (7) Other conditions exist that reflect a level of maintenance which is not in keeping with community standards, including, but not limited to, graffiti that is clearly visible from the street;
- (8) The premises are attracting illegal activity as evidenced by multiple felony or misdemeanor arrests on the premises; multiple felony or misdemeanor warrants issued or served to a person residing in the premises;
- (9) The property is a fire hazard;
- (10) The property is a factor creating a substantial and unreasonable interference with the reasonable and lawful use and enjoyment of other space within the building or premises or within the neighborhood as documented and reported to the Director of Licenses and Inspections by neighborhood complaints;
- (11) The property is a menace to the public health, safety, or welfare in its present condition because of rat infestation, overgrown vegetation, trash and garbage, abandoned cars, improper grading, or other factors;
- (12) **Extended vacancy of a dwelling, multiple dwelling or mixed commercial use property.**



Anti-Blight Enforcement & Progress

Properties Receiving Preliminary Notice Letters – properties for which a letter was sent to property owners when at least two potential violations of the City's Anti-Blight Ordinance (ABO) are believed to exist. Property owners receiving a Preliminary Anti-Blight Ordinance Letter (PABOL) have 30 days to contact City staff and schedule a meeting to discuss the condition of the property, and demonstrate the intent of improvement.

Properties Receiving Notice of Violations – properties for which the property had at least two potential violations, received the PABOL, and have demonstrated insufficient effort or progress to remediate, confirmed by a City inspector. The NOV requires compliance within 30 days of receipt of notice, failure by the property owner to remediate violations result in the accrual of fines.

Properties Receiving Notice of Citations – properties for which for any violation that a property owner has not remediated within 30 days of the Notice of Violation (NOV). The citation includes a description of the specific violation, an explanation of how to remediate the violation, instructions on the right to appeal, and dollar amount of fine(s) which will accrue on a per day per violation basis, \$100 per day per violation.



Anti-Blight Enforcement & Progress

Anti-Blight Process

Blight Prevention Consultation Inspection

Property Survey for ABO Process - Properties Receiving Preliminary Notice Letters

Initial Inspection - Properties Receiving Notice of Violations

Re-Inspection - Properties Receiving Notice of Citations or Abated of all Violations

Citation Appeal Hearings

Citation Action Committee

Lien Inspections for Default Judgments

***Forbearance Agreements** (Due to New Owner)

***Tax Deferral Inspection**



Anti-Blight Enforcement & Progress

First Quarter as of January 13th - March 15th:
Quarterly Neighborhood Conditions Report

LSNI Baseline Statistics	West	South	North	Central	Citywide
Properties Receiving Preliminary Notice Letters	8	4	17	11	40
Properties Receiving Notice of Violations	14	13	20	16	63
Properties Receiving Cited for Violations	0	0	0	0	0
Total Properties*	22	17	37	27	103

* Chart ONLY reflects the stats as of March 2012 Quarterly Neighborhood Conditions Report



Anti-Blight Enforcement & Progress

Fourth Quarter as of September 15th - December 7th:
Quarterly Neighborhood Conditions Report

	Central	North	South	West	Citywide
Properties Receiving Preliminary Notice Letters	11	6	6	8	31
Properties Receiving Notice of Violations	9	16	5	13	43
Properties Receiving Cited for Violations	16	34	25	14	89
Monitoring Properties	0	0	2	9	11
Abated Properties	4	1	4	7	16
Total Properties*	40	57	42	51	190

* Chart ONLY reflects the stats as of December 2012 LSNI Quarterly District Reports

The seal of the City of Hartford, Connecticut, is a circular emblem. The outer ring contains the text "SEAL OF THE CITY OF HARTFORD" at the top and "CONNECTICUT" at the bottom, separated by two stars. The inner circle features a shield with a ship, a sun, and a banner with the motto "POST NUBILA PHOEBUS".

City of Hartford's Successful Properties



Central District: Successful Property

174 Park Terrace – Frog Hollow



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Central District: Successful Property

75 Ward Street – Frog Hollow





North District: Successful Property

84 Chestnut Street – Clay-Arsenal



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South District: Successful Property

43 Montowese Street – South End

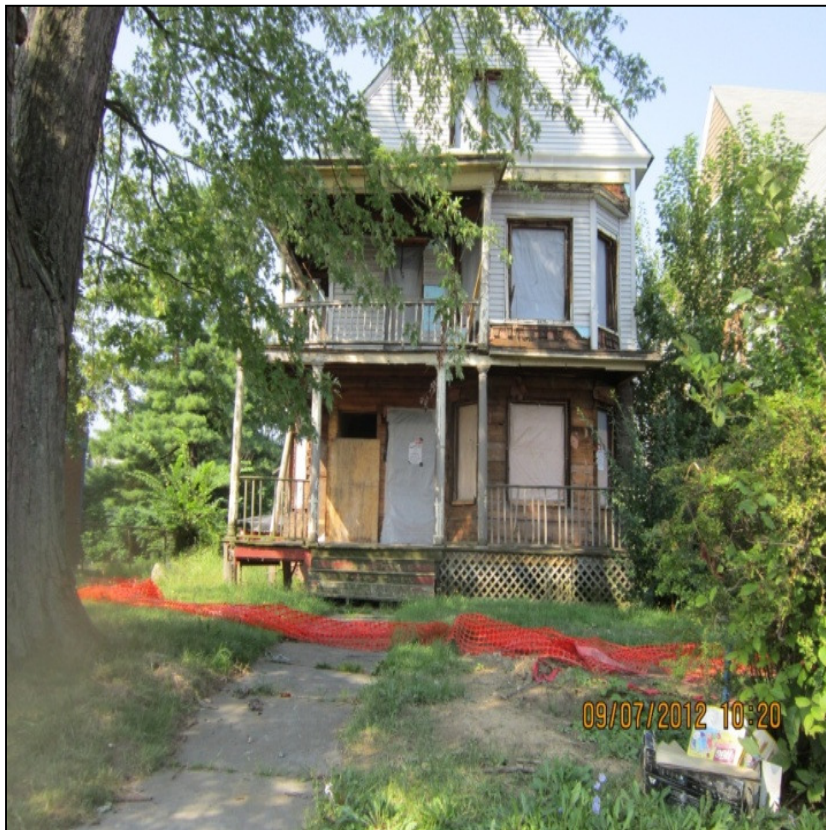


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South District: Successful Property

641 Wethersfield Avenue— South End



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West District: Successful Property

241 Colebrook Street – Blue Hills



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West District: Successful Property

63 Evergreen Street – West End



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Quality of Life Matters Updates

LSNI Crew

Data as of December 7 th , 2012	North	Central	West	South	Citywide
	1/13/12-Present	1/13/12-Present	1/13/12-Present	1/13/12-Present	1/13/12-Present
Private Property Nuisance Abatements by Neighborhood Initiative Crew (as of 8/17/12)	11	1	1	5	18
Private Property Nuisance Abatements by Property Owner(s)	7	3	15	8	33
Public Right of Way Cases Completed	199	105	430	129	863

- Public Right of Way Cases are pick-up of bulky items, mattresses, tvs, illegal dumping etc.
- Starting 1/1/13 the LSNI Crew will maintain (53) City properties
- Collaboration with Housing and LSNI on Property Management



Quality of Life Matters Updates

Standard Operating Procedure (S.O.P)

- Paper Review & Citation Action Committee
- Health Code Remediation Services

Big Bellies Installation:

- Installed on November 17th
- Highest concentration of trash in a commercial area per district

Illegal Dumping Cameras:

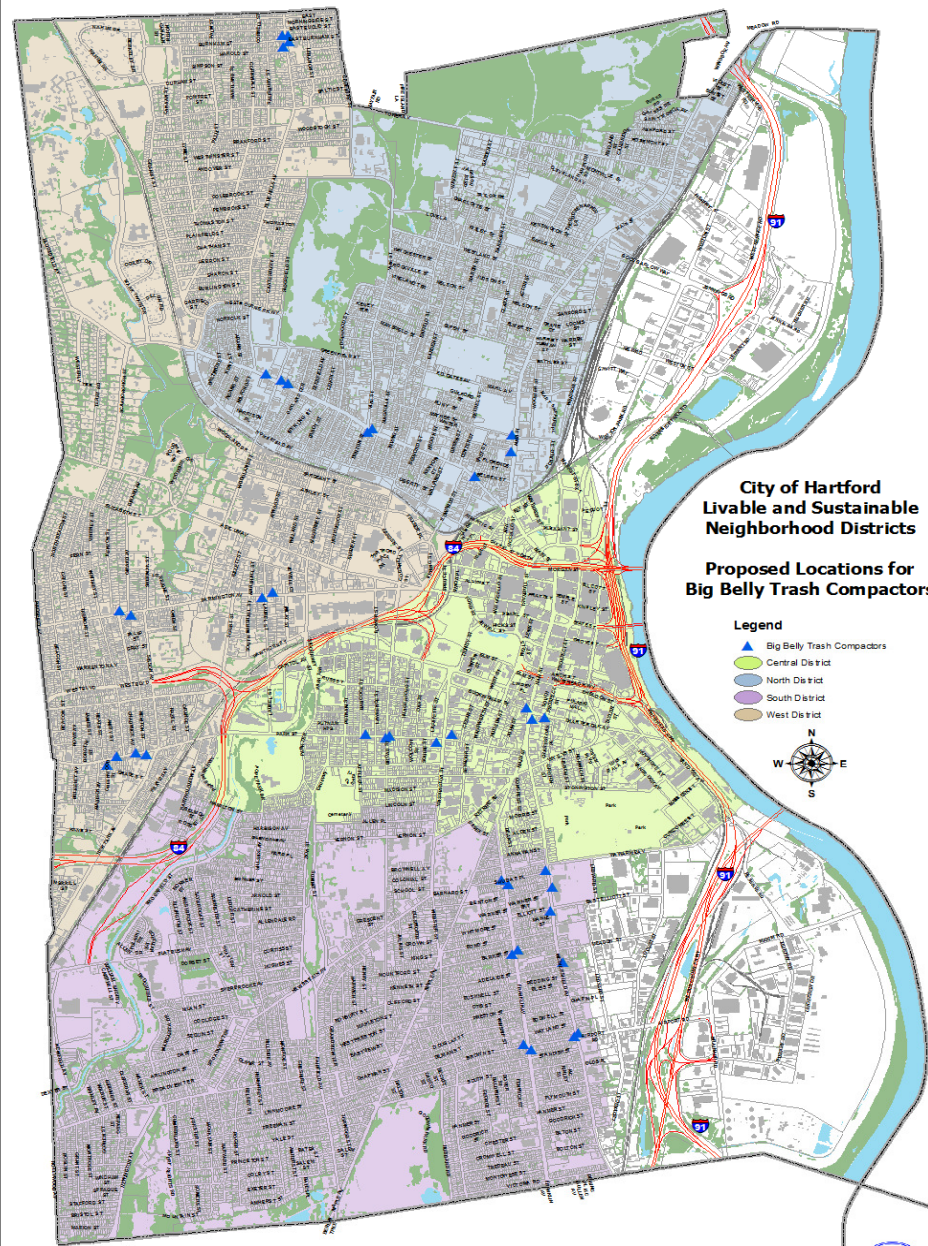
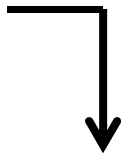
- Interdepartmental Effort (DPW, Police, Community Court & LSNI)

Signage:

- Majority of Citywide Dumping Locations

← Big Belly Solar Trash Compactor Locations

Illegal
Dumping
Camera



City of Hartford
Livable and Sustainable
Neighborhood Districts
Proposed Locations for
Big Belly Trash Compactors

Legend
▲ Big Belly Trash Compactors
Central District
North District
South District
West District



Date: November 21, 2012





Quality of Life Matters

Up-Coming Projects

- **ReStore Hartford Program**
- **Advertising Code Changes**
- **Marketing Campaign for COH Owned Properties**
- **Citywide Sidewalk Program**



Livable & Sustainable Neighborhood Initiative

Community Problems: Let Us Know!

- Telephone: **Call 311**
- Track your Request: <http://www.hartford.gov/311>
- Wireless Devices: **See, Click, Fix**



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Questions or Comments

Thank You for Your Support



Livable & Sustainable Neighborhood Initiative

Point of Contact

North District (Northeast, Clay Arsenal, Upper Albany)

West District (Blue Hills, West End, Asylum Hill, Parkville*)

Constituent Services	Brittany Joiner	860.757. 9523
Assistant to the COO	Breyonne Golding	860.757. 9593

Central District (Downtown, South Green, Frog Hollow, Sheldon-Charter Oak)

South District (Barry Square, Behind the Rocks, Southwest, South End)

Constituent Services	Isis Irizarry	860.757. 9562
Assistant to the COO	Steve Frank	860.757. 9228

* **Please Note:** Parkville will continue to have Isis Irizarry as their Constituent Service Representative